National Capital Territory of Delhi, three model Fair Price Shops (FPS) have been opened in Delhi by the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation.

(b).1. Aapurti Bhavan, 7-9, Aram Bagh Lane, Paharganj, New Delhi.

2. Opposite Sant Paramanand Charitable Eye Hospital, Alipur Road, Delhi.

3. G.S. Apartments, Plot No. 38, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi. Sugar, wheat and rice are supplied through these shops.

(c) and (d) Any card holders of Delhi may draw their supplies of wheat, rice and sugar for any period from any of these Model Fair Price Shops, irrespective of their attachment with any Circle Card holders drawing items from Model Fair Price Shops, however, cannot draw supplies for the particular period from the FPS to which they are attached. The timings observed by the Model FPSs are from 10.00 A.M. to 7 P.M. with lunch-break from 2 PM to 3 PM. These shops are closed on the day the market of that area observes weekly holiday.

(e) There is no such proposal at present.

(f) Does not arise.

Supply of candles through fair price shops in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

3505. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS .. AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some instructions exist with Food and Civil Supplies Department of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh to ensure distribution of candles to ration card-holders through F. P.Ss. on the eve of 'Dewali' festival every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether supplies of candles to F. P. Ss is made according to the number of ration cards attached to each FPS;

(d) if not, the reasons for short supplies leading to quarrels between card holders and F.P.S.;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures to avert these clashes between F. P. S. owners and card-holders in future;

(f) whether Government also propose to ensure supplies of candles to F.P.Ss. one week before the festival; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has reported that instructions were issued for distribution of candles during Diwali, 1992, to consumers through fair price shops (FPS) in Delhi, Food card holders could purchase one packet of candles at fixed prices, on first come first serve basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Due to inadequate stocks of candles with Delhi Administration, the scheme was on a first come first serve basis.

(e) to (g) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has not yet taken decision regarding Diwali, 1993. The suggestion made by the Hon'ble Member would be kept in view by the Delhi Administration while finalising policy for 1993. Information relating to Government of Uttar Pradesh is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.